



Australian Government
Australian Accounting Standards Board

Memorandum

To:	AASB members	Date:	14 May 2013
From:	Nikole Gyles	Agenda Item:	4.1 (M131)
Subject:	IFRS Interpretations Committee update	File:	

Action

Receive an update on:

- the recent IFRS Interpretations Committee (Committee) related activities (including Committee staff outreach requests sent to AASB staff) and decide whether there are any issues that need to be raised with the Committee at this stage; and
- the results of outreach to ASIC staff in relation to the implications of proposed amendments to IAS 34 *Interim Financial Statements* and decide whether paragraph B6 of IFRS 7 *Financial Instruments: Disclosure* should be reinstated.

Attachments

Agenda paper 4.2 Staff issues paper: Disclosure of information elsewhere in the financial report
[Confidential – Board only]

Agenda paper 4.3 AASB Staff Summary of IFRS IC Decisions – May 2013 (to be tabled)

Agenda paper 4.4 *IFRIC Update* May 2013 (to be tabled)

IFRS Interpretations Committee May meeting

The Committee will meet on 15-16 May 2013, during which active projects, new items for initial consideration and items for continuing consideration are expected to be discussed. Due to the timing of the Committee meeting, AASB staff will table the AASB Staff Summary of IFRS IC Decisions and the May *IFRIC Update*.

Disclosure of information elsewhere in the financial report

At the December 2012 AASB meeting the Board discussed a proposed Annual Improvement to IAS 34 *Interim Financial Reporting* relating to satisfying a disclosure requirement by providing a cross-reference to information elsewhere in the interim financial report. The Board requested staff consult with ASIC to investigate further the implications of the proposal in the Australian legal context¹ and for the Board's decision in the past to delete paragraph B6 of IFRS 7 (which refers to cross-referencing to other information that is potentially outside the financial statements). Analysis of the issue, including staff recommendations, is provided in Agenda Paper 4.2.

In summary, based on responses received from relevant parties, AASB staff consider that the proposed IAS 34 paragraph 16A would be suitable in the Australian legal context. However, AASB staff are continuing discussions with AUASB staff and ASIC staff to determine the possible implications if paragraph B6 of IFRS 7 were to be reinstated into AASB 7. AASB staff will bring the issue back to a future Board meeting.

IFRS Interpretations Committee staff outreach requests responded to (26 March 2013 – 14 May 2013)

In developing responses to Committee staff, AASB staff normally consult with a number of outside parties such as accounting firms and industry bodies where appropriate. The requests received from Committee staff focus on the relevance of the issue to Australia and observations that have been made in practice, rather than seeking technical views on the issue.

Topic	Date request received	Date AASB staff responded
Classification of particular financial instruments under IAS 32 <i>The IFRS Interpretations Committee received a request to clarify the requirements for classifying particular financial instruments in accordance with IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation. The instruments do not have a stated maturity date and interest is paid solely at the issuer's discretion. The issuer can call the instruments at any time (for cash).</i>	17 April 2013	10 May 2013

¹ http://www.aasb.gov.au/admin/file/content102/c3/M128_AASB_Minutes_12-13_Dec_2012_Unsigned.pdf (Accessed 8 May 2013)